

## WHEAT PRICE \$3.50 PER 100 PROBABLE FROM NEGOTIATIONS

For several months, on behalf of the State Council of Defense, Dwight B. Heard, in a somewhat extended correspondence with Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture, and Julius H. Barnes, president of the Food Administration Grain Corporation, has been endeavoring to establish the principle of terminal points in Arizona for price basing on 1918 whose terminal points suggested being Phoenix, Tucson and Safford.

In the last few days Mr. Heard has received a very important letter and word from Mr. Barnes on this subject, and in response to an inquiry asking if a carefully prepared digest might not be given publicity for the benefit of wheat producers, was yesterday authorized by Mr. Barnes to give such publicity, and thereupon issued the following statement:

"Mr. Julius H. Barnes, president of the Food Administration Grain Corporation, organized last year to handle on behalf of the government the very intricate question of wheat price and distribution, in response to my appeal on behalf of the Council of Defense for the establishment of terminal price basing points on wheat in Arizona, wrote me quite fully on May 4 last regarding the very complicated situation which confronted the Grain Corporation in this matter, making it very clear that the situation in 1918 was quite different from that existing in 1917, and in view of the fact that the price this year was a guaranteed minimum price, whereas last year it was a definite fixed price. On May 27, in response to my letter of the 22nd inst., Mr. Barnes states:

"The whole matter of operation this coming year depends on the size of the wheat crop now growing and which will only mature in the northern section generally in August. I do not see how any new policy can be safely put in until the crop is actually assured, as I hope it will be by the middle of August. I should like to be able to tell you just exactly what basis can be used this coming year in making the minimum price effective and in allowing some measure, at least, of independent competition, but these questions, too,

are dependent upon the crop to be secured.

"You are quite correct in saying that the government guaranteed price is a minimum price, and in that respect it differs from last year's, which was a fair price, meaning it was a fair price between producer and consumer and administered this year on that basis. My inference, the government guaranteed minimum price as promulgated by the president as representing a fair minimum price, is also a fair price this year, but steps must be taken that the market should not greatly exceed that basis. If a crop of 900,000, 000 bushels of T. S. A. wheat is secured, the problem of the government will be to carry out the wheat guaranty without letting it go below that basis, and this introduces a new range of problems altogether which cannot be settled in advance.

"On May 31st I sent the following telegram to Mr. Barnes:

"Nineteen eighteen wheat in this section will begin to move next week. In view of the recent rise in freight rates, producers are exceptionally apprehensive over the situation and wire from you in response to my letter May 22nd conceding basis wheat terminals in Arizona and authorizing publicity of your statement on competitive prices would do much to clarify situation. No section has given better support to every patriotic appeal than Arizona—in men, Liberty loan contributions and Red Cross support. Farmers in this section have been particularly helpful in this work and have responded to our appeals for increased production."

"And on June 1 Mr. Barnes replies to the effect that the whole plan of wheat control for the coming year depended on interpretations awaited from Washington departments, and also on the progress of the whole wheat crop of the United States, and intimated that if the nation-wide wheat crop continued to develop favorably, the Grain Corporation might be justified in relaxing many conditions and restrictions and possibly allowing such communities as the Salt River Valley to handle their wheat crop on a normal competitive basis. Mr. Barnes also intimates

## Mrs. Campbell Held Owner of Famous Claim

Mrs. Carmelita Campbell, the 76-year-old widow of John G. Campbell, first congressional representative, is the owner of the Gila Monster claim in the Yuma mountain mining district in this county.

In the suit to quiet title brought by the Carmelita Mining and Milling company against Ida J. Burrell, Ernest King and Charles Subers, tried in Judge Lyman's court, the jury yesterday found for the plaintiff. The mines are owned by a group of Kansas business men and Mrs. Campbell, the latter is said to be the largest stockholder in the company. Her interests and those of the other stockholders are being protected by J. A. Marr, the mine superintendent.

The little woman who at one time held the position of wife of one of the highest officials in the territory has met with many hardships since her widowhood.

Had the jury yesterday found for the defendant she would have lost one of the most valuable claims in the group of mining claims she owns in the county.

The company was represented by Shepherd and Niles and the defendants by Robert S. Fisher.

that it is very probable that the whole inter-mountain country can be protected on a price of \$2.00 per bushel minimum based on country stations. In his wire he stated:

"The anxiety of your early wheat producers is similar to that in all southern states, but it is impossible, until crop returns are known and until interpretations of legislation are received, to say definitely what plan can be adopted and your dealers and producers will have to work along day by day, as the situation develops until we can clear the whole plan, which we hope to do in the not distant future."

"And in concluding his telegram states: "There are legal phases this year which were not present last year in that commercial operation because last year we operated on the guarantee of the allies as merchants, and this year we operate on a legally established guaranteed minimum price."

"There seems every indication from the very frank explanation of the intricate situation given by Mr. Barnes that there is a strong probability that the farmers producing wheat in Arizona can figure on a price on bulk wheat at country stations, of the early Bart variety, of \$2.00 per bushel, which would mean a price of \$3.33 1/3 per 100 pounds in bulk at shipping stations in Arizona. I understand that in Phoenix the millers have been rather uncertain what price to pay, but have recently been allowing \$3.15 1/2 per 100 pounds. My advice to producers is to hold their wheat rather than to sell at this figure, as I am of the impression that a price will be worked out in Arizona just alike to the producer and the consumer, which will be in the vicinity of \$3.50 per 100 pounds, which, as a matter of fact, was the price agreed upon at the conference of wheat growers and millers November 28th, 1917."

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## VAUDEVILLE FOR PATRIOTIC WORK PROMISES MUCH

Robert E. Lee Chapter Will Give Attractive Program at Elks Theater for Fund to Endow Hospital Bed

With every number a star attraction and put over with the snap and vim of a creditable professional performance, the vaudeville to be given at the Elks theater Friday evening will unquestionably take notable rank among the benefit events of the year.

Given under the auspices of the Robert E. Lee chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, for the purpose of endowing a bed in an American hospital in France, the cause alone would be sufficient to attract a large audience. Those behind the

movement, however, decided to give the ticket holders value received in enjoyment as well and arranged one of the best programs that have ever been presented here. For the program has been tried out. It was given a week ago with pronounced success



Mrs. Harry Carson

## MEXICAN CONSUL WILL BE CITED FOR JURY NOTE

Remarkable Incident Makes Non-Sensational Case One of Vital Importance to Local Mexican Colony

Addressing a written communication to a jury after it had been its deliberations, Francisco Peredo, Mexican consul, protested against alleged insults directed at his country and countrymen by George Purdy Bullard, counsel for G. L. Chisholm, charged with the murder of Antonio Camacho, a well known Mexican resident.

The note, addressed to "The gentlemen of the jury in the case of the assassin of the Mexican, Antonio Camacho," was placed in the hands of the bailiff by Tudalero Estrada and Otilio Rosales, and the messengers and the Mexican consul will be cited for contempt this morning.

The entire Mexican colony was aroused by statements made by Bullard in his closing argument in which he declared that there would be fewer graves of murdered women and children in Columbus if Americans had withstood attacks and insults as had his client, Chisholm. He carried his argument still further, intimating that there would be fewer American graves throughout Mexico had this same spirit been exhibited by other Americans. Still continuing on this line of argument, he voiced the opinion that Mexico could not cross the border "and wipe out the United States."

The quickly tried and sensational murder case took on a new phase as Bullard argued, and at a late hour last night the town was buzzing with a report of the attempted interference of the Mexican consul. The word that such an attempt had been made was verified when the court convened at 8:40 o'clock, when the jury returned for instructions.

The counsel for the defense asked that inquiry be made as to a communication attempted to be made to the jury by persons purporting to represent the Mexican consul. The bailiff was questioned and delivered a note to the court, which, interpreted later, read as follows:

"Gentlemen of the jury in the case of the assassin of the Mexican, Antonio Camacho."

"Sir: The Mexican colony finds itself greatly indignant in the phrases directed against Mexico and the Mexican citizens by the defender of the assassin of the citizen, Antonio Camacho. As consul of Mexico and in the name of the assembled colony, I protest in a manner most respectfully, but at the same time energetically, for the insults directed in the course of the jury proceedings this evening against my country and my fellow countrymen."

"The defender of the assassin of Antonio Camacho could have made a different defense without hurting the sentiments of a friendly nation, which colony has made its contribution to the development of this state."

For the honor and justice that you represent, gentlemen of the jury, I raise to you my voice calling your attention over the fact that for the purpose of the defense of one man, a defender has not hesitated to insult a

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and in response to repeated demands will be given again on Friday. The opening number, "Over There," by Mrs. Harry Carson, will be given promptly at 8:20 o'clock and the closing number will be as early as 10:20 o'clock, for Star Manager Harry Carson insists that there be no waits. All those little details that so often mar an amateur production will be absent from the vaudeville for the management has made rulings that must be followed and the chief order given by Dr. Carson is to inject all the pep possible in every act.

Mrs. Carson's two numbers are both clever and amusing. In military costume and surrounded by a group of cadets the different songs have just the necessary note demanded at the present time. The sailor, the aviator, the soldier songs are in a group that are to be sung by Mrs. Carson who not only has an extraordinary voice which she uses delightfully, but has a charming stage presence as well.

Miss Mabel Novinger will execute an incense dance, the East Indian number being charmingly presented by this graceful dancer.

"Minnie the Manicure," by Miss Bernice Eggleston is a screen. The monologue is brimful of bright lines—which will have a strangely familiar sound to habitués of the manicure shop.

Mrs. C. H. Young will sing the aria from Faust, which was so well received at the initial performance and will give a series of readings that should please.

Singing her own composition, "Wings of Liberty," Mrs. Dixie Wadlington Mattheis is being featured as one of the particularly notable numbers. The song was written especially for this occasion and is said to be one of the best military melodies yet published.

There is a splendid finale, picturesque and appealing, that alone is worth the price of admission. The committee has arranged an exceptionally fine program and hopes to be able to do its bit in France by the proceeds.

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"FRANCISCO PEREDO, Mexican Consul." Counsel for the defense asked that Peredo and the two Mexican messengers be cited for contempt, and the same motion was made by the county attorney. Judge Stanford made the order, and it is understood that the consul, Estrada and Rosales will appear in division one of the superior court at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Developing from one of the least spectacular murder cases to one of at least city-wide interest, the case was one of the shortest tried murder cases on record in the county. It was shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday that the fate of the 62-year-old Marinette rancher was placed in the hands of the jury. The jury was selected by noon on Monday and by shortly after noon the following day the evidence was all in and the counsel ready to submit their arguments.

One of the chief features of the case was the recital of the incidents leading up to the shooting of Camacho, a young Mexican employed at the Samuel Nabors ranch, where Chisholm acted as foreman. He claimed that the Mexican was the aggressor, and in self-defense he had used his automatic revolver to "club" Camacho. In the scuffle that followed, the gun discharged and the Mexican fell to the ground.

Asked again and again by the county attorney if it were not a fact that he pointed the gun at the Mexican and fired, the witness replied that he had not, adding, "never on or off the witness stand would I tell a lie. Mr. County Attorney, even if the penitentiary stared me in the face."

Frequent clashes between the county

attorney and George J. Bullard for the defense marked the morning session, when Chisholm was on the stand. Bullard objected to Lane's methods of procedure in calling the witness for answering questions before they were completed by the state's prosecutor. "You may be an old man yourself some day," said Bullard for the defense.

The arguments were an hour to the side. The state's opening argument was made by Harry Johnson, assistant county attorney, and Bullard was followed by the county attorney.

**WESTERN RESULTS**  
[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 4.** Conroy's home run in the seventh with two Oklahomaans on bases clinched the first Western league game to be played at Oklahoma City. The game was loosely played, errors being responsible for the winning run. Score: Oklahoma City, 7; 000 001 15x—7 2 0; Omaha, 3; 2 2 5 000 210 08—4 9 4. Batteries—Teleschi and Banner; Koop and Kelly.

**JOPLIN, Mo., June 4.**—Inability of Joplin to hit in the pinches lost the game to Des Moines. The first four batters to face Hubbell scored four runs. Maple, who relieved him, pitched good ball. Score: Des Moines, 4; 02 000 100—7 12 2; Joplin, 0; 001 001 001—3 11 2. Batteries—Delburn and Lewellyn; Hubbell, Maple and Collins.

**HUTCHINSON, Kan., June 4.**—St. Joseph won the game from Hutchinson by pounding Kotzelnik and Salisbury in the eighth and ninth. Score: St. Joseph, 9; 001 000 052—9 11 0; Hutchinson, 0; 000 000 200—2 4 0.

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